Chapters 17-22

The Transfiguration

How do the events of the Transfiguration relate to Moses on Mount Sinai?

What are Moses and Elijah representative of in the Old Testament? Where did they hear God's voice?

Peter desires to prolong the heavenly experience by wanting to make three booths. How does the construction of booths relate to the Jewish Feast of Booths?

What does the statement "listen to him" evoke in the Old Testament?

Jesus and the Temple Tax

What is meant when Jesus says "the Sons are free"? What is the symbolism of the single payment of the Temple tax for Christ and Peter?

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

What is a talent equivalent to in terms of wages for a laborer? How large is 10,000 talents? What is the value of 100 denarii?

Teachings About Divorce

What is the significance of Jesus presence east of the Jordan?

Why does Moses permit divorce and re-marriage? What is meant by "except for unchastity"? What is meant by "there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom?"

The Laborers in the Vineyard

How does this parable relate to the Israelites and the Gentiles? What about the gift of eternal life?

Jesus Entry into Jerusalem

How does Jesus' entry into Jerusalem parallel the coronation of King Solomon?

The Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Wicked Tenants

What do these two parables have in common? Who are they directed toward?

Parable of the Marriage Feast

What is the wedding garment? Why is it necessary to have a wedding garment to enter the wedding feast?

The Question about Man's Resurrection

Who are the Sadducees? What did they believe in? What did they not believe in? In response to their question Jesus quotes from Exodus, why?

A Question about the Christ

Psalm 110:1 "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet?" If David addresses his son as "my Lord", that would imply that the expected Messiah would be greater than David himself.

How can the Messiah be both the son of David and the Son of God?